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SUBJECT: UK-ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCLANT INFO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

FROM COMICEDFOR NOV 18TH REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFO:

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UK ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE (U)

1. (C) MR PETUR SIGURDSSON, DIRECTOR ICELANDIC COAST CONTACTED

ORIGINATOR THIS DATE AND SAID HE CALLED TO TELL ME "WHAT IS

HAPPENING." HE SAID "THERE MAY BE ESCALATION" IN THE FISHERIES

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DISPUTE WITH THE UK. HE ADDED "IF HATTERSLEY DOESN'T

STOP THERE 'WILL' BE ESCALATION." SIGURDSSON BELIEVES THE BRITISH ARE GOING TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE THEY MADE TWICE BEFORE BY UNDERESTIMATING ICELANDIC DETERMINATION TO PROTECT THEIR FISHERIES ZONE. HE WAS VERY CRITICAL OF BRITISH NEGOTIATOR HATTERSLEY AND REPEATED "IF THEY THINK WE ARE NOT SERIOUS, THEY ARE MAKING A VERY, VERY BIG MISTAKE." HE STATED THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WILL BE SEVERLY CRITICIZED NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO, BUT "IF ANY GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE A SETTLEMENT, THIS GOVERNMENT CAN. NO OTHER GOVERNMENT COULD DO IT." HE ENDED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING "WE ARE WONDERING HOW TO HELP THE BRITISH OUT OF A TOUGH POSITION."

2. THIS WAS THE FIRST DIRECT CONTACT ORIGINATOR HAS HAD WITH MR SIGURDSSON IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. PRIOR TO THE CURRENT FISHERIES DISPUTE THREE TO FIVE CALLS PER WEEK WAS NORMAL.

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